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SUBJECT: KEKKONEN-KOSYGIN DISCUSSION IN SOVIET UNION  
SEPTEMBER 2-3.

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ACCORDING TO JOINT FINNISH-SOVIET COMMUNIQUE ISSUED  
AT END OF PRESIDENT KEKKONEN'S UNOFFICIAL TWO-DAY  
VISIT TO THE USSR, THE KEKKONEN-KOSYGIN DISCUSSIONS  
CENTERED ON THOROUGH REVIEW OF QUESTIONS CONCERNING  
FINNISH-SOVIET RELATIONS; INTERNATIONAL SITUATION;  
AND FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR EUROPEAN ECONOMIC/COMMERCIAL  
COOPERATION.

2. BOTH PARTIES NOTED WITH SATISFACTION THAT FINNISH-  
SOVIET RELATIONS DEVELOPING FAVORABLY IN POLITICAL,  
AS WELL AS ECONOMIC, COMMERCIAL, SCIENTIFIC AND  
TECHNICAL, CULTURAL AND OTHER FIELDS. KEKKONEN AND  
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KOSYGIN CONFIRMED THAT IT IS OBJECTIVE OF BOTH

COUNTRIES TO CONTINUE TAKING ALL NECESSARY STEPS FOR THE FURTHER DEEPENING OF FINNISH-SOVIET COOPERATION ON BASIS OF 1948 FRIENDSHIP, COOPERATION AND MUTUAL ASSISTANCE PACT.

3. KEKKONEN AND KOSYGIN WELCOMED DEVELOPMENTS TOWARD REDUCED TENSIONS IN THE WORLD AND IN EUROPE IN PARTICULAR. THEY PLACED GREAT IMPORTANCE ON JOINT EFFORTS BY ALL COUNTRIES TO ENSURE THE IRREVERSABILITY OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS. THEY ALSO EXPRESSED AS THEIR BELIEF THAT THE SUCCESSFUL COMPLETION, WITHOUT UNDUE DELAYS, OF THE SECOND AND THIRD PHASES OF THE CSCE WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO REACHING THE GOAL OF REDUCED TENSIONS.

4. GREAT ATTENTION WAS GIVEN TO DISCUSSIONS OF THE FUTURE OUTLOOK FOR EUROPEAN COMMERCIAL-ECONOMIC COOPERATION. FINLAND AND THE SOVIET UNION CONSIDER IT NECESSARY THAT THIS COOPERATION BETWEEN COUNTRIES WITH DIFFERENT SOCIAL SYSTEMS DEVELOPS ON A NON-DISCRIMINATORY GENERAL EUROPEAN BASIS, AND BOTH WILL STRIVE FOR THIS GOAL.

5. COMMENT: ALTHOUGH THE KEKKONEN-KOSYGIN DISCUSSIONS LASTED FOR SEVERAL HOURS, THERE IS NO INDICATION AT PRESENT THAT THEY WERE IN ANY WAY EXTRAORDINARY, BUT RATHER ANOTHER IN A LONG SERIES OF MEETINGS BETWEEN KEKKONEN AND SOVIET LEADERS. GIVEN THE EMPHASIS IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON EUROPEAN COMMERCIAL-ECONOMIC COOPERATION, IT IS TO BE EXPECTED THAT THE QUESTION OF THE STILL UNSIGNED FINLAND-EC FREE TRADE AGREEMENT WAS DISCUSSED, BUT KEKKONEN IS MUCH TOO ASTUTE IN HIS DEALINGS WITH THE SOVIETS TO HAVE LAID HIMSELF OPEN TO A SOVIET "NO" TO THE SIGNING OF IT. AS A RESULT OF THE DISCUSSIONS, FINNISH PARTICIPATION IN THE INDUSTRIALIZATION OF SOVIET KARELIA (PARTS OF WHICH FORMERLY BELONGED TO FINLAND) WILL PROBABLY INCREASE. IT IS ALSO POSSIBLE THAT SOME FURTHER COMMITMENTS ON FINNISH PURCHASES OF SOVIET OIL WERE MADE. THE READING IN HELSINKI AT THIS TIME IS THAT NOTHING HAS CHANGED, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AND THAT THE FINLAND-EC AGREEMENT WILL EVENTUALLY BE SIGNED, DESPITE VOCIFEROUSLY ADAMANT LOCAL COMMUNIST OPPOSITION TO IT.  
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